Improvement of new programme of DD

*377. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) while in the process of allowing private FM to 90 cities, two more private DTH operators and FII to invest in print companies, whether it would be possible to upgrade the said programmes *viz.* current affairs in local languages in the areas other than Delhi;

(b) the reasons for which the local directors of DD are hesitant to improve the news telecast with due visuals compared to DD from Delhi; and

(c) whether there has been any corrective measures taken by way of enough clearance and authority to improve performance and set right things?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (c) Government has no role to play in programming matters of private channels. As regards Doordarshan, Prasar Bharati has informed that it is the constant endeavour of Doordarshan to improve the visual content and presentation of the news bulletins telecast on its regional channels.

Encroachment of protected buildings and heritage structures

†*378. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that some people have constructed houses or opened shops and Food Plazas after demolishing or encroaching upon number of protected buildings and heritage buildings/structures;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the steps taken to remove the encroachments;

(c) whether Government are also aware that after demolishing a heritage building at Platform No. 1 at Nagpur Station a Food Plaza has been opened with the connivance of some officers; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) if so, the steps taken to remove this encroachment and to punish the culprits?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) and (b) No such incident in respect of centrally protected monuments under the management of Archaeological Survey of India has come to the notice of the Government. However, detailed information in this regard is under collection.

(c) and (d) The Nagpur Railway Station is not a centrally protected monument. The Archaeological Survey of India has no information about opening a Food Plaza in Nagpur Railway Station. Information on this has been sought from the Ministry of Railways.

Three language formula

*379. SHRI VASANT CHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the three language formula CBSE and ICSE students have to study only two languages whereas the State Board schools students have to study three languages;

(b) whether the Government of Maharashtra has requested the Central Government to revise the curricula to bring about a uniformity requiring the State Board students also to study only two language on the pattern of CBSE and ICSE; and

(c) if so, the details of the proposal made by the State Government, when it was made and the decision taken by Government in the matter alongwith the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) In schools affiliated to the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and Council of Indian School Certificate Examination (CISCE), students compulsorily study three languages at the upper primary stage.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.